
Beginner

ESL *Meet Jesus* Lesson Plans

Bible Story Retelling

Twenty Beginner level ESL lesson plans based on the Bible texts in *Meet Jesus* by Mike Raiter

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OWN HEART LANGUAGE

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.

SLIDES - PART 1

Images + text.

LOW TECH TIP!

If the classroom set-up does not have projection facilities, each slide can be printed onto an A4 page that the teacher holds up in front of the class.

SLIDES - PART 2

Images only.

How to use these resources

By the end of the lesson, learners are able to retell the bible story to their peers using simple English.

This is a method of sharing bible stories with beginner students of English.

Read the passage

Give learners a copy of the relevant passage in their heart language.

Allow five minutes to read it quietly to themselves.

After reading, ask students to put the text away.

The purpose is to give some basic context only.

Share the passage

Display the powerpoint and read the text aloud (exactly as it appears).

Each slide may be read aloud 3-4 times.

Learn the text and story

Return to the beginning of the presentation, read the text and invite learners to repeat aloud.

This can be repeated several times.

Remember the text

Share the slide presentation again, without displaying the text.

Prompt learners to call out any words that they remember. Encourage them to collaborate and reproduce the story.

This can be done several times if necessary.

IMAGE SOURCES

Any images used in these resources are sourced from LUMO or iStock.

Pair / Small-Group Activities

The following are a list of options for pair-work dependent upon the ability of the learners:

Activity 1: Sequencing images

APPENDIX .1 - Print 1 set for 2-3 learners. Cut images.

Ask learners to sequence the images correctly.

Activity 2: Matching the text to the image

APPENDIX .1 - Print 1 set for 2-3 learners. Cut images.

APPENDIX .2 - Print 1 for 2-3 learners. Cut into strips.

Ask learners to match the relevant images and then sequence correctly.

Activity 3: Sequencing text

APPENDIX .2 - Print 1 for 2-3 learners.
Cut text into strips.

Ask learners to sequence the text correctly.

Activity 4: Fill in the gaps

APPENDIX .3 - Print 1 between 2 learners. Cut in half.

Give learners copies of the text in a simple paragraph.

Learners need to fill in the missing words.

Activity 5: Retell the story

APPENDIX .1 - Print 1 set for 2-3 learners. Cut images.

Competent learners at this level, by the end of the class, will be able to reproduce the story using only the visual prompts. Encourage learners to re-tell the story to their peers.



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